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SUMMARY: SENIOR GOVT OF QATAR OFFICIALS APPEAR DISPOSED TO PARTICIPATE IN COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO MAKE FORTHCOMING UN SESSIONS A SUCCESS. THEY BELIEVE THAT US MUST TAKE INITIATIVE TO ASSURE SUCH SUCCESS. ON ISRAELI EXPLUSION ISSUE, QATARIS DECLARE THAT THIS WILL FADE AWAY IF THERE IS FURTHER MOVEMENT BEFORE GA TOWARD A MID EAST SETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY

1. OVER PAST FEW DAYS DURING SERIES OF FAREWELL CALLS PRIOR DEPARTURE ON HOME LEAVE, I HAVE REVIEWED SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH AND POINTS OF STATE REFTEL WITH A NUMBER OF SENIOR GOQ OFFICIALS, INCLUDING AMIR, FOREIGN MINISTER, AND MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM. COPIES OF SECVGJS SPEECH IN ENGLISH
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AND ARABIC WERE PROVIDED. I EMPHASIZED THAT CONTINUING PRACTICE

OF CONFRONTATION POLITICS BY THIRD WORLD BLOC THREATENED VIABILITY OF UN, US HOPES FOR ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT OF USG AND AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR UN. I MADE SPECIAL MENTION OF POSSIBLE EFFECT OF OUSTING ISRAELIS IN THIS CONTEXT.

2. AMIR, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, REPLIED THAT GOQ ACUTELY COGNIZANT OF FACT OF WORLD INTERDEPENDENCE AND NEED FOR STRONG INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO KEEP THINGS ON AN EVEN KEEL. HE STATED THAT GOQ, AS OIL PRODUCER, AWARE OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE THIS VITAL RESOURCE AND OF ITS DEPENDENCE ON OTHERS FOR ALMOST ALL MATERIAL AND HUMAN NEEDS. HE SAID GOQ READY TO COOPERATE IN MAKING UN A TRULY GOING CONCERN. ON ISRAELI EXPULSION PROPOSAL, AMIR REMARKED THAT WE WERE ASKING THAT CHARTER BE OBSERVED ON THIS ISSUE WHILE IT WAS IGNORED RE ISRAELI VIOLATIONS. HE ASSERTED THAT THIS ISSUE WOULD GO AWAY IF THERE WAS TIMELY PROGRESS TOWARD MID EAST SETTLEMENT.

3. GOQ FOREIGN MINISTER, SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI, WHO WILL HEAD QATARI DELEGATION TO GA, RESPONDED THAT GOQ SHARED US VISION OF UN AS IMPORTANT ACTION BODY IN ASSURING MAINTAINANCE OF PEACE AND EVOLUTION OF NEW ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS. SUHAYM SAID THAT QATARIS WILLING TO WORK WITH U.S. TOWARD THIS GOAL AND QATAR, AS SMALL, WEAK COUNTRY, MUST DEPEND ON STRENGTH OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO INSURE ITS SURVIVAL. SUHAYM ACKNOWLEDGED THE GROWING CONFRONTATIVE ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND NOTED THIS BASED ON EXTREMELY COMPLEX ELEMENTS AND DIVERGENT INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED. SUHAYM STATED IT UP TO U.S. AS GREAT POWER AND PRINCIPAL FOUNDER OF UN TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO DISPEL THIS NEGATIVE ATMOSPHERE, THAT BURDEN OF ACTION ON U.S., AND ONCE WE ACCEPTED THIS WE WOULD FIND SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS. I REPLIED THAT US READY TO DO ITS PART, BUT THIS WAS TWO-WAY STREET AND MODERATE FRIENDLY COUNTRIES LIKE QATAR ALSO HAD THEIR ROLE TO PLAY.

4. RE POSSIBLE MOVE TO EXPEL ISRAEL, SUHAYM ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ONLY SECURITY COUNCIL HAD THIS PREROGATIVE AND THEREFORE ISRAELIS SAFE BEHIND PROTECTION OF US VETO. HE INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL VIEWED BY MANY AS JUSTIFIED FOR ISRAELI DEFIANCE OF SERIES OF UN
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RESOLUTIONS. ACCORDING SUHAYM, IT WAS HYPOCRITICAL TO INSIST ON LEGALITY OF CHARTER ON ONE HAND WHILE OPPOSING PUNITIVE ACTION AGAINST CHARTER VIOLATORS ON THE OTHER. I OBSERVED THAT RECENT EVENTS HAD SHOWN EGYPT AND OAU BEARISH ON EXPULSION PROPOSAL. SUHAYM REPLIED THAT WE SHOULD MAKE NO RPT NO MISTAKE THAT IN PRESSURIZED ATMOSPHERE OF GA THESE RELUCTANT DRAGONS WOULD COME DOWN ON SIDE OF ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL. SUHAYM ASSERTED THAT KEY TO THIS MATTER ALSO IN US HANDS. HE

STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT ANY MOVEMENT, HOWEVER SMALL, TOWARD MID EAST SETTLEMENT STIMULATED BY U.S. BEFORE GA DEBATE WOULD DROP EXPULSION PROPOSAL IN ITS TRACKS.

5. MINFINANCE AND PETROLEUM, SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, WHO WILL HEAD QATARI DELEGATION TO SPECIAL GA, LISTENED CAREFULLY TO MY PRESENTATION AND PROMISED TO GIVE SECRETARY'S SPEECH CLOSE READING. HE DECLARED THAT GOQ READY TO PARTICIPATE IN COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO RATIONALIZE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DCS AND LDCS.

6. I ALSO SPOKE WITH AMIR'S SENIOR POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR, DR. HASSAN KAMEL, WHO MAY BE MEMBER OF GOQ DELEGATION TO SPECIAL GA. KAMEL SAID THAT HE NOT UP TO DATE ON ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AND HE WOULD READ SECRETARY'S SPEECH WITH GREAT CARE. NOTING THAT HE HAD ATTENDED 6TH SPECIAL SESSION, HE HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR SECRETARY'S ADDRESS TO THAT CONCLAVE. KAMEL SAID HE APPRECIATED IMPORTANCE WHICH USG ATTACHED TO FORTHCOMING UN SESSIONS WHICH HE AGREED MAY BE CRUCIAL TO CONTINUED VIABILITY OF ORGANIZATION.

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